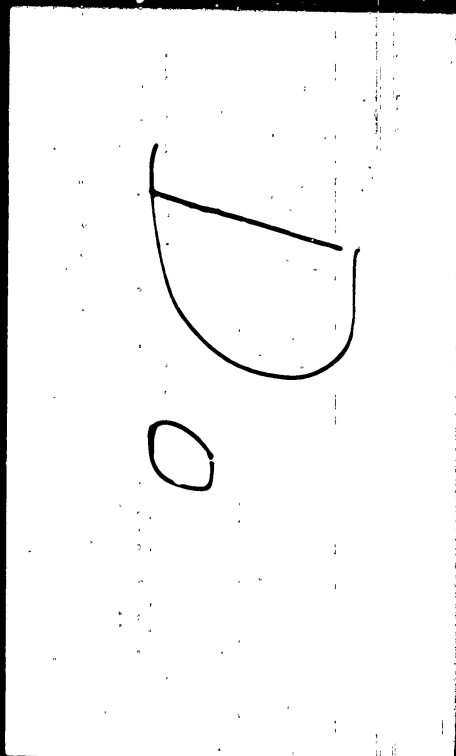
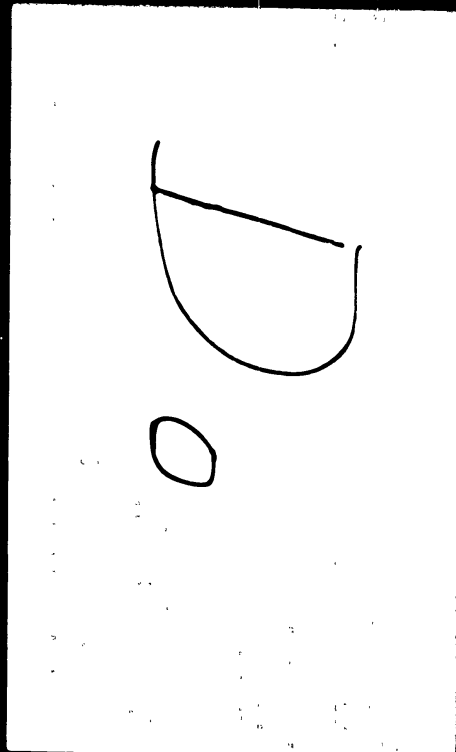






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Doherty, John Capt

7 September 1945

Mrs. Stephen V. Doherty
139 South Transit Street
Lookport, New York

Dear Mrs. Doherty:

Following receipt of your letters of 23 August and 29 August I immediately contacted the War Department in an effort to obtain any information on the status of your son that might not be available to those with whom you are in touch. In this way we might at least obtain information that will indicate better how to proceed in order to ascertain his exact fate.

Up to this point we have not had an answer from the War Department, but realizing the dreadful anxiety under which you are laboring, I wanted to write you this note to tell you of the action taken so far. Whenever we receive a reply from the Department I will write you further.

I know there is little I can say to alleviate the immense strain that this uncertainty has placed upon you, but I want you to know that if there is anything possible that we can do, we are only too glad to be of assistance.

With deep sympathy and respect, I remain,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN
Director

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~~In the meantime~~

With deep sympathy and
respect, I remain

Sincerely,
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Can we
do something
about this.

OSS Form 3054
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Director's Office

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11,375
 Mrs. STEPHEN V. DONNATE
 135 South Clinton Street
 Lockport, New York

Aug 23, 1945.

Major General Wm. J. Donovan
 Office of Strategic Services
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Donovan:

At the instance of Mr.
 Charles Pearson Jr., of Buffalo,
 I am writing you in regard
 to our son who has been missing
 in action in Holland
 since Sept. 18, 1944.

Enclosed is a copy of the
 letter my daughter-in-law
 received Aug 10, from Capt.
 Howard C. Dibble who was in
 the same Battalion with my
 son. The receipt of this letter
 was made possible because my
 son had previously given his
 wife Capt Dibble's home address.

If we could have more definite information, some thing more satisfactory than we know now, it would be a relief and finality to this dreadful suspense. I shall be ever so grateful for any thing you can do for us.

Sincerely yours,
Florence J. Doherty
(Mrs. Stephen V. Doherty)

My son's last address:
Capt John S. Doherty M.C. D-407162
519th Glider Field Artillery Battalion
APO # 469 New York, N.Y.
He was with the 82nd Airborne Div.

Because the evidence contained in this letter is unsatisfactory, we are hoping that you can help us to learn what happened to our son and what has become of him.

Is there not some way to obtain concrete evidence that he is truly gone? One wishes that he could personally comb the area inch for inch, to find some trace of him.

Since receiving the telegram last Oct 10, we were quite optimistic that he would return, that he might be a prisoner or had gotten into hiding. This has been a year of long and hard waiting. We also felt, being a doctor he would be needed and spared.

We lost a younger son a few years ago through an accidental death, however this incident has crushed us so completely, and doubly so because of his wife and two small children, whom he longed to get back to.

Special Forces, France
Aug. 2, 1945

Dear Mrs. Doherty:

I have not written you before because there is so little I can tell you about John and all of that you have already heard from Evelyn. But Evelyn thinks I should write what I know so I'll tell you the story as we know it. None of the officers know more than I do, I'm sure, and we have a new Commanding Officer and a new Chaplain so they know even less. I'll enclose the names of the men who were with John and their home addresses and also Col. Todd's present address if you wish to write them.

When we went into Holland both John and I were in gliders carrying a jeep a piece. We had divided the medical supplies as nearly as possible into two identical lots, so that either of us would have enough to work with if we were separated.

The gliders were towed in four abreast. My glider was in the 3rd column, the 2nd from the right and John was in the 1st column on the left side of the formation. When we landed the gliders broke into two columns two abreast. Columns 3 and 4 swung around and landed ~~down~~ without incident on or near the prescribed landing zone, but for some reason the 1st two columns were towed on before they were released. The landing zone was just inside the Holland Germany border so that the group that overshot the zone landed in Germany while we landed in Holland.

What happened after that is not known. Capt. Connelly the 3-4 left two men wounded and brought the rest of the group in his glider back across the border at night. They left their glider as soon as it landed and hid in ditches and managed to avoid detection by the German troops which rushed out to the field. Major Silvey also brought his group back none being injured in landing and no German troops being near them when they landed. Neither of them were able to say what happened to any of the other gliders in the group since the landings were quite far apart and each was too busy with his own problems to watch the other gliders. Most of the men were captured and we talked with or heard from men from each of the groups except those in the glider John was in.

The only other report from that glider was that one of the men Sergeant Siegel, was found quite a while afterwards by some Canadian troops. He was sitting in the jeep in the glider. Because he was found there, because medical supplies were in the jeep and because of the jeep itself being the glider load we are sure this was the glider John went in. No trace of the pilot, the jeep driver nor John was found, the presumption being that they got out of the glider either by themselves or carried.

Because the section where John's glider landed was not searched from the Germans until Canadians advanced just before the final operation, no one was able to inspect the area until long after the landing.

The only other report we have had was a recent letter to the effect that some man had talked with Mrs. Donnelly, the captain's mother and told a fantastic tale. Unless there was another medical officer of the same name, the story is ridiculous. He claimed that the glider carried only personnel and that there were 101st Airborne as well as 82nd Airborne in the glider. He also named Southampton as the place the men left from for the marshalling area. We left from Market Harborough near Leicester, and went to Cochoamore air port. This man obviously never saw John.

Because all prisoners have long since been liberated, none of us feel that there is any possibility of anyone in that glider having survived. I realize that the evidence is very unsatisfactory and that it is hard to stop hoping without definite proof that it is useless, but I can't see any way of being more certain.

Although John was with the battalion only a short time, all the officers and men liked and admired him greatly. Because we joined the unit at the same time and because we worked together, I felt closer to him than did the others. I was particularly pleased to be associated with a man of such moral rectitude, which quality I have found to be extremely rare in the army, but he was spicable and an entertaining companion as well, which are perhaps more important characteristics when men are living as we are. When we felt his loss so keenly after such a short association, I can fully realize what your loss has been.

If I learn any further particulars I shall let you know of them. And if there is any further information which you think I may be able to give now, I shall be glad to try to answer your questions.

Sincerely

Howard Dibble.

Names:

Lt. Col. James C. Tpd, 681 Glider P. A. Battalion, APO 452 N.Y.C.
Mrs. Nora Lane (Mother of Raymond Lane) 635 South 2nd St. Hardinsburg, Ky.
Mr. Joseph Siegel (Father of William Siegel) 680 Fort Washington Ave
N.Y.C.

The only other occupant of the glider was the pilot whose name I do not have.

*Copy of letter received from
Capt. Howard C. Dibble 0-472335
med. Det. 319th B.L.F.A. Bn.
apo # 469 New York, N.Y.*

170 South Street
 New York

Aug 19, 1945
 Major General H. J. Donovan
 Office of Strategic Services
 Washington D.C.

Dear Major Donovan:

I trust you will pardon
 me for writing you again.

Yesterday we received a
 letter from Lt. Col. J. C. Todd
 who was the Commanding
 Officer of the Battalion and
 son was with. Some enclosing
 a copy of his letter as it gives
 a little more information
 which we did not previously
 have.

Prof. Webb is mentioned in

Accounting from Bond,
you and the best water,

From
Dorothy Jones
Henry of 1000
(Mr. C. H. Roberts)

the letter. Would it be possible
to obtain his address?

Mr. Charles Pearson.
I Buffalo I know I spoke of
in my last letter Aug 23.
feels that if any one could
something for us, you can.

The uncertainty of not
knowing what happened to
our son, or where he may be,
has caused us many sleepless
nights. We realize we are
among thousands in similar
circumstances, nevertheless
we are sick and sorrowful
when we think that his little
family may have to go on
without him.

I there is any information
that you can obtain for us
we shall be eternally grateful.

HQ 319 Glider Bn, 1st Div
APO 452 DKA Army
Aug. 21, 1948.

Mrs. Stephen V. Doherty
139 So. Transit St
Longport, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Doherty:

Received your very nice letter of Aug. 10-14 within the last few days and will try to answer your questions as best I can. I commanded the 319 Glider Battalion at the time of the Holland operation and your son, Capt. Doherty was assigned to my Battalion a short time prior to the operation. I was not in the glider with him as I went into the operation the day before the Battalion came in and was watching near the landing zone when Capt. Doherty's glider came over the next day. John's glider along with 8 others did not cut loose over the designated landing area but continued on across the German-Holland border and landed in enemy territory. There were about 45 men and officers in that group that overshot the landing zone and only 5 of them made their way back to our lines that nite. Those 5 knew nothing about the remainder of the group except that they saw most of them being taken prisoner. Although we held the territory around Nijmegen, the ground where John's glider landed was not taken until months later, at which time the British were in that sector. Over the intervening period of months we have heard from all but two or three of that group as being prisoners or killed. In Capt. Doherty's glider there were only two other men, a Sgt. Seigel, who was killed and a corporal Lane, who has never been located. In May I talked with a Pvt. Webb of my organization who was with that group of gliders and had been a prisoner of war until we recaptured him on V-2 day. He stated that Capt. Doherty was wounded and evacuated by the Germans at the time of the landing and that none of the group ever saw him after that. We have made numerous inquiries and searches and investigated all graves in that area but found no trace of Capt. Doherty. The British were very cooperative and also made every effort to locate such missing personnel. Should John be the victim of Amnesia he will be located and identified and the army has a complete file of all missing persons and are making every effort to get information on them.

As to Pvt. Witteop's story, I am very sorry there are people like that, as his story is certainly phony. In the first place the idea of calling a person's home town for loading a glider is ridiculous, also the story of bailing out is untrue as a glider goes into combat at 3 to 4 hundred feet and the personnel do not have parachutes for the simple reason that time or space is not available for their use and a glider acts as a parachute within itself.

Mrs. Doherty I have been absolutely frank and honest with you and said everything I know. I also know you would rather know all the facts than regardless of what they were. I am terribly sorry that I can't give you anything more definite. We had John with my Battalion only a short time but learned to love and respect him as a fellow soldier, an officer and a gentleman. We were all very much concerned about him and made every possible effort in his behalf as far as combat conditions would permit. His glider landed very close to the little town of Remagen, Germany about 5 miles east of Nijmegen, Holland at approximately 5 P.M. on Sept. 18, 1944. I can not furnish you with the pilot's name as he was from the Troop Carrier Command and I do not have those records. It might be possible to get his name thru my old outfit the 312 Glider P.A.S. which is with the 82nd Division in Berlin APO 469 New York, N.Y. Of course your best place of further inquiry would be the Casualty Reporting branch of the War Dept. Washington, D.C.

I am being released from the army and will sail for the states about the first of Sept. so my address from now on will be J.C. Todd Apt. 45-Law 106 Tulsa Bldg. Tulsa, Oklahoma. Should I ever receive any further information of any kind I will certainly forward it on to you. If there is ever anything I can do to assist you in this matter please feel free to write me at the above address. Also please accept my deepest heartfelt regards to all of John's loved ones.

Sincerely yours

James C. Todd
Lt. Col. P.A.

17 SEP 1945

To: The Adjutant General
Washington 25, D. C.

Subj: British Decoration

Ref: AGPD-C 201 Donovan, William J.
(2 Sep 45) 0102363

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 6 September 1945, subject above.

2. The answer to all of the questions contained in Paragraph 2. of said memorandum is in the negative, with the exception of those functions set forth in Paragraph 6 of AG 400 (28 Aug 44) OB-S-D-M, 30 August 1944, as amended by AG 400 (19 Oct 44) OB-S-D-M, 20 October 1944.

William J. Donovan
Maj Gen USA



WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

in reply
to AOPD-C 201 Donovan, William J.
(2 Sep 45) 0102383

Subject: British Decoration

6 September 1945

To: Major General William J. Donovan, USA
Post Office Box 2601
Washington, D. C.

1. The War Department has been advised that the British Government desires to award you a decoration.
2. It is requested this office be furnished, at the earliest practicable date, a signed statement showing whether or not you are now a participant in transactions involving allocations of Lend-Lease materials or credits to the British Government. This includes those individuals who participate in negotiations for Lend-Lease allocations, or who make recommendations to any of the agencies authorized to act on such recommendations, or who are members of boards, rearmament committees, or other agencies charged with Lend-Lease negotiations or recommendations for, or the allocation of, Lend-Lease materials.
3. Upon receipt of this statement, your acceptance of the decoration will receive further consideration.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Edward F. Nitsell
EDWARD F. NITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General

ASPD-6 201 Donovan, William J.
(2 Sep 46) (L00130)

British Decree

6 September 1946

Major General William J. Donovan, USA
Post Office Box 2601
Washington, D. C.

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3. Upon receipt of this statement, your acceptance of the decoration will receive further consideration.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Edward P. Witherell

EDWARD P. WITHERELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 4 September 1944, subject above.
2. The answer to all of the questions contained in Paragraph 2. of said memorandum is in the negative, with the exception of those functions set forth in Paragraph 5 of AG 44 (29 Aug 44) OB-S-P-M, 30 August 1944, as amended by AG 400 (19 Oct 44) OB-S-P-M, 30 October 1944.

William J. Donovan
Major General, USA

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23 July 1945

To: The Adjutant General
Washington 25, D. C.

Subj: French Decoration

Ref: AGPD-C 201 Donovan, William J.
(3 Jul 45) AS# O 102 J83

1. I have never been a participant in transactions involving allocations of lend-lease materials or credits to the French Government, nor have I participated in negotiations for lend-lease allocations, nor have I made recommendations to any of the agencies authorized to act on such recommendations, nor have I been a member of a Board, Rearmament Committee, or other agency charged with lend-lease negotiations or recommendations for, or the allocation of lend-lease materials.

2. This agency was engaged, with the British Special Operations Executive, under G-3, the Special Operations Section of SHAEP, in dropping supplies to French Resistance Groups, but to the best of my knowledge these supplies did not constitute lend-lease materials or credits to the French Government.

William J. Donovan
Maj Gen USA

Waf. Ball

CONFIDENTIAL



WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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IN REPLY
REFER TO AGFD-C 201 Donovan, William J.
(5 Jul 43) ASAO 102 383

Subject: French Decoration

18 July 1945

To:
Major General William J. Donovan, USA
P. O. Box 2601
Washington 13, D. C.

1. This office has been informed that the French Government desires to confer upon you the Legion of Honor, Degree of Commander.
 2. It is requested that you furnish this office, at the earliest practicable date, a signed statement showing whether or not you have been a participant in transactions involving allocations of Lend-Lease materials or credits to the French Government. This includes those individuals who participate in negotiations for Lend-Lease allocations, or who make recommendations to any of the agencies authorized to act on such recommendations, or who are members of boards, rearmament committees, or other agencies charged with Lend-Lease negotiations or recommendations for, or the allocation of, Lend-Lease materials.
 3. Upon receipt of this information, your acceptance of this decoration will receive further consideration.
- BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Edward P. Witsell
EDWARD P. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General

Copy to Maj. Bell



WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AOFPD-O 201 Donovan, William J.
(26 Aug 45) 0102383

Subject: Belgian Decoration

14 September 1945

To:

Major General William J. Donovan, USA
Post Office Box 3601
Washington, D. C.

1. In compliance with the request of the Commanding General, United States Forces, European Theater, there is forwarded herewith a copy of the letter announcing the award to you of the Belgian Grand Officer of the Order of Leopold with palm and attribution of the Croix de Guerre 1940 with palm.

2. This award has been made a matter of official record in the War Department.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Edward F. Witsell

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General

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ASPD-C 201 Donovan, William J.
(26 Aug 45) 0108303

Belgian Decoration

12 September 1945

Major General William J. Donovan, USA
Post Office Box 2001
Washington, D. C.

1. In compliance with the request of the Commanding General, United States Forces, European Theater, there is forwarded herewith a copy of the letter announcing the award to you of the Belgian Grand Officer of the Order of Leopold with palm and attribution of the Croix de Guerre 1940 with palm.

2. This award has been made a matter of official record in the War Department.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

Edward F. Witzell

EDWARD F. WITZELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General

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Cpy ltr dtd 4 Aug 45

TRANSMISSION

Minister of National Defense
Military Personnel Service
3rd Section A.
2d Bureau

Revised
4 August 1945

No. S. P. M. 111 A-2/Str./459/807

Supreme Commanding General:

I have the honor of bringing to your knowledge that by the command of 30 July 1945, it has pleased His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to confer the high awards, hereafter indicated, to General and Senior Officers and to one unit of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Decree of 30 July 1945, No. 825:

Grand-Cordon to the Order of Leopold with palm and attribution of the Croix de Guerre 1940 with palm.

General of the Armies of the U. S. A. Dwight D. EISENHOWER, Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces.

Decree of 30 July 1945, No. 827:

Grand Officer of the Order of Leopold with palm and attribution of the Croix de Guerre 1940 with palm.

Lt. General William H. SIMPSON, CG, Ninth American Army

General Courtney H. HODGES, CG, First U. S. Army

General George S. PATTON, CG, Third U. S. Army

Lt General H. S. VANDENBERG, CG, 9th U. S. Air Force

Major General William J. DOROVAN, Chief of CAS

Commander of the Order of Leopold with palm and attribution of the Croix de Guerre with palm.

Major General Hubert R. HARMON, CG, 2d U. S. Armored Division

Brig General Clare H. ARMSTRONG, CG, 60th U. S. AAA Brigade

Decree of 30 July 1945, No. 828:

Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown with palm and attribution of the Croix de Guerre 1940 with palm.

General Omar N. BRADLEY, CG, 12th Army Group

Lt General Walter BEDELL-SMITH, Chief of Staff to the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces.

Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown with palm and attribution of the Croix de Guerre 1940 with palm.

Major General Maxwell D. TAYLOR, CG, 101st Airborne Division.

Commander of the Order of the Crown with palm and attribution of the Croix de Guerre 1940 with palm.

Lt Col Robert P. PFLIEGER, Assistant to the Commanding Officer of OSS in Belgium.

Lt Col Donald P. COSTER, Commanding Officer of the OSS Mission.

Decree of 30 July 1945, No. 224

Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold II:

Col John R. SHERMAN, Second in Command, OSS Mission to Belgium.

Decree of 30 July 1945 No. 528

Cited to the Order Journalier of the Belgian Army with attribution of the Croix de Guerre 1940 with palm: 101st Airborne Division, Fort.

"By its splendid resistance from 22 to 27 December 1944, where at the strongest point of the Ardennes Battle, completely isolated, it held the key position of Bastogne, the 101st Airborne Division of the U. S. Army, with adjacent units, frustrated the enemy plan of deep penetration into Belgium, and served as a pivot for the counter-offensive operations which liberated the invaded territories.

"During the course of those operations, by their courage, their endurance, their discipline, their strategy, repelling the incessant attacks of elements belonging to eight German Divisions, and supplied rarely and difficultly, these troops and their leaders have written one of the most beautiful pages in military history and have acquired for themselves, with the admiration of the world, the eternal recognition of Belgium."

Steps will be taken very soon in regard to the presenting of the medals and certificates of award.

Kindly accept, Sir, the expression of my highest consideration.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

(Signature)

DATE _____

TO: _____

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FROM: _____

(32816) _____ EXT. _____

2 August 1945

SUBJECT: Decoration - Distinguished Service Medal

TO: The Adjutant General,
War Department,
Washington 25, D.C.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, and in particular, paragraph 11 thereof, it is recommended that the Distinguished Service Medal be awarded to Major General William J. Donovan, U. S. Army (Serial No. O-102363) for exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility. Major General Donovan served as Director of Strategic Services, an agency of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during the entire period of the war. This officer, who operated under a directive issued by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, by his experience, judgment, and leadership, and by his ability to get things done, developed an organization and directed its activities to such a conspicuous degree as to give valuable support and aid not only to our military forces in the field but to governmental departments and agencies both in Washington and overseas. He displayed extraordinary and exemplary ability in organizing and directing the many activities and operations charged to his leadership. The services which OSS gave in support of military operations, under the leadership of General Donovan, in both the intelligence and operational fields, in the Mediterranean, European, India-Burma, and China Theaters, it is believed, contributed in a high degree to the success of these operations. His direction of the activities and operations in the clandestine and unorthodox warfare field was clearly exceptional and it is believed that he fully merits this award.

2. As the Army member of the OSS Planning Group, during this period, I am fully acquainted with the part played by OSS as well as with General Donovan's performance of duty in the development of its organization and the direction of its activities.

The Adjutant General - 2

2 August 1944

3. An appropriate citation covering this officer's meritorious service is as follows:

"Major General William J. Donovan, O-102383, U.S. Army, for exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility, as Director of Strategic Services, an agency of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, from 13 June 1942, to the end of World War II. By his professional knowledge and experience, and through his ability, judgment and foresight, he anticipated the need for Secret Intelligence, Research and Analysis, and the conduct of unorthodox methods of warfare in support of military operations. As Director of Strategic Services, he displayed extraordinary and exemplary ability, not only in the organization and development of the Office of Strategic Services and the extension of its organization to theaters and to neutral areas, but in the direction of its many and diversified activities in support of military operations. The Office of Strategic Services, under General Donovan's direction, gave invaluable service to theater commanders, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the War Department, State Department and other government agencies, not only in the field of intelligence but in the field of special operations. By the successful execution of the missions assigned OSS by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, this officer's performance of duty was clearly exceptional and contributed in a high degree to the success of military operations in the prosecution of the War, particularly in the Mediterranean, European, India-Burma and China Theaters."

JOHN P. SMITH
Major General, U. S. Army
Army Member OSS Planning Group

31 May 1945

Dear General Donovan:

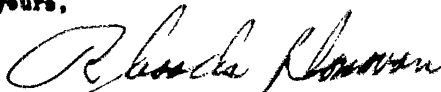
I finally arrived at 101 after touring India and China. As of this date I've been here a month and a half. I'm very glad that my experience as an aviation mechanic is being put to the best use.

When I got here the "Red Ace" Sqd. was very short of mechanics. I'm proud of the fact that since I've been here I have been a little help in getting things straightened out. One of our biggest problems is getting spare parts. At present we have two ships sitting on the ground for lack of props. It seems there are no L-5 props in the theater. Since this is not an Air Corps outfit we sometimes have trouble handling our job of supply. Lately, through the efforts of Capt. Reardon, that problem has been alleviated.

Hear you are coming out here next month. It is a good thing, because things are in a sad shape. Seems that all the officers who have nothing better to do are writing up each other for decorations. Some war!

Well, I'll sign off for now. I will be here until the end of June, so I'll probably see you here. You can find me any time either on the strip or "screwing around" a junk heap looking for parts.

Sincerely yours,



P. S. I am enclosing a copy of a letter received by Mr. Gus Hardart (Lorn & Hardart, NY) from his son who is in a hospital in England. I think it would be of edification to all members of your command.



COPY OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY L. L. BOB HARMONY TO HIS FATHER

Dear Pop:

Here we are again, things are coming along fine. It's slow work, but I'm improving daily. Just had a long talk, yesterday, with my nurse, and she convinced me that I should tell you what I'm going to. You will have to know it eventually, but I was going to put it off as long as possible.

First of all, I want you to know that I'm really cheerful and looking forward to getting home and learning to live a new and different life. Instead of being blue and discouraged, I am very happy and have plenty of faith in a happy future. Now I'll tell you what happened to me. So kind of brace yourself.

My legs were pretty badly wounded, but in time will be as good as new. However, I lost my right arm below the elbow. Right now I can't see, but with the facilities in the hospital at home, the eye doctor here tells me there is a slight chance that they can make me see. However, I'm not really counting on that too much, because I feel that I will remain this way.

Well Dad, this is the story. I hated to tell you, but I knew you would have wanted to know. For goshes sake, don't feel sorry for me.

If you could see me here in the hospital, and all the fun I'm having kidding the nurses and talking with all the swell visitors we have you would say: "there is nothing wrong with that guy, send him back to duty." I've still got a lot to live for and that plus my faith will probably make me the happiest fellow in town.

21 April 1945

Mr. John L. Donovan
9935 32nd Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mr. Donovan:

I am writing to acknowledge your letter
which was received in General Donovan's absence.

General Donovan is out of the country
at the present time but we will hold your letter
and bring it to his attention on his return, which
is expected shortly.

Sincerely,

Alvah A. Sulloway
Chief, Secretariat

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AWS:mr

To: MR. GULLANAY

Suggest you write this
man. State the General is out
of the country and on his return,
the letter will be shown to him,
etc.

C. S. C.

13 April

Director's Office

OSS Form 3054

(3308)

*you will be able to contact the person at
your office. The person is currently in
the office of the Director. The person is
currently in the office of the Director.*

4455 1st Street
 Brooklyn, NY
 Lt. General William J. Donovan
 Coordinator of Strategic Information
 Washington D.C.

Dear General,

I am now connected and associated with a group of experienced steamship men who are desirous of having some ships allotted to the U.S. Government to act as agents for same. To accomplish this contact would have to be made through Admiral Paul retired, now head of the Maritime Commission. As you know General Donovan I have had over twenty years experience with the Italian Line and as you told me you wanted to help and do something for me. I feel this would be the one opportunity to give me a start in life again. Hoping you are enjoying good health.

I remain Sincerely
 John C. Donovan

To Mr. Sullivan

Sign your letter this man
 state that out of courtesy on his
 return letter will be shown him etc etc

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

✓
21 March 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL MONYAN

FROM: Roger A. Peaff, Lt. Col., Inf. *Ref*
Acting Chief, X-2 Branch

SUBJECT: William H. Doyle, X-2 representative, Barcelona

We wish to forward to you the attached recommendation from the American Consul General at Barcelona for the promotion of the above-named X-2 representative to the position of Vice Consul. This is an example of the very efficient and outstanding services that our X-2 personnel are performing abroad under State Department cover.

Attachment: Enclosure #1 to secret despatch No. 4170 dated March 9, 1945, from the American Embassy, Madrid

SECRET

March 9, 1945, from the American Embassy, Madrid, on the subject of: Recommendation for designation of William H. Doyle as Vice Consul at Barcelona, Spain.

(Copy)

American Consulate General
Barcelona, March 1, 1945.

S E C R E T

W. Walton Butterworth, Esquire,
Charge d'Affaires ad Interim,
American Embassy,
Madrid.

Sir:

Referring to the assignment to this office, early in January, of Mr. William H. Doyle of the attached services, I have the honor to recommend that he be designated as promptly as possible as a Vice-Consul not of career and to request that, if the Embassy concurs in this recommendation, this matter be taken up with the Department.

Ordinarily, I should hesitate to make a recommendation of this sort within such a short interval following the arrival of the individual concerned: Mr. Doyle has been stationed here slightly less than two months. However, he has done such an outstanding job since he reported for duty at this office and has shown such a thorough grasp of his duties that I feel there is no valid reason why his promotion should be delayed especially since it would enhance his prestige and standing in Barcelona and thereby facilitate the carrying out of his work. I should add that Mr. Doyle has been cooperative at all times and has fitted into this organization in a commendable manner. I have nothing but praise for the discreet but highly effective manner in which he has operated here.

Finally, though admittedly less important, it will be recalled that Mr. Doyle served for some eighteen months in the American Embassy at Buenos Aires as a legal attache. If he were designated as Vice-Consul, such rank would be more in line with his previous rank than would be the case if he were to continue with the grade of clerk.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ David McK. Key
American Consul General

cop. jra

30 March 1945

Mrs. Max Jorsey
30 Grenada Terrace
Springfield, Massachusetts

My dear Mrs. Jorsey:

I have your letter about your husband. I understand how you feel. However, there has as yet been no determination as to whether there will be a central intelligence agency, or if there is to be one by whom it will be controlled. The question of recruiting for this purpose is somewhat premature.

I am sorry that this is the case.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

March 10, 1961

Col. Wm. J. Donovan,
Head of Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel:

I read with interest your recent plans for a National Intelligence Authority which will pool all intelligence services into one international spy unit.

As I have a finehus and, who has been a Major in the Army and is experienced in this work and who has been reported as surplus and unless a suitable other assignment is located for him before April 30th next month he will be returned to civilian life I am anxiously awaiting the progress of this Committee as he served as Provost Marshall in a Air Base in Florida and received 2 commendations for outstanding criminal and other investigation work and was Commanding Officer of a Signal Corp group of 200 men in Panama Canal zone.

As leader of womens groups here in this city of 200,000 population and in as much as my husband earned his rank the hard way over a period of 20yrs. service as a Minute man ready to answer the call to protect our country I think his being let out as surplus baggage when there are so many unqualified and with no military background younger men still in it is a crime and gross inefficiency and the way I worked for Pres. Roosevelt and that Democratic ticket for yrs.

He is a little over 46 yrs. of age but looks like 38 and is a six footer with fine physical stature and good health and even volunteered for overseas as he loves military life and his Companies always adored him and worked their heads off to please him and make all his programs a xx success.

We have a Republican Congressman from this district and he knows I am a staunch Democratic worker so will you please send me application for this NIA bureau if it is started as yet for I have followed your manouvers in press for yrs. and feel you can understand my problem.

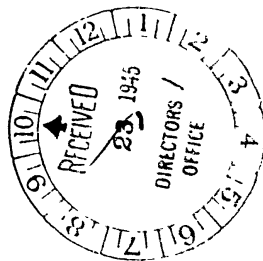
Thanking you for any assistance you may be able to render, I am

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs) Mae Darney

1010 1/2 N. 1st St.,
Springfield, Mass.

Pres. of Affl. Dem. Women's Club.



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CONFIDENTIAL

TO : General William J. Donovan

FROM : Emmy C. Rado E.C.R.

DATE: 17 November 1944.

SUBJECT:

The literary agent of Mr. Cecil Carnes who wrote the article in the "Saturday Evening Post" which dealt with Psychological Warfare, mentioning Pat Dolan by name, sent me the attached two letters:

- 1) letter by Captain John B. Jackson accusing Carnes of falsification of facts,
- 2) Carnes' reply which shows up Captain J. B. Jackson as a rather unpleasant man who for various reasons seems to be "against Psychological Warfare".

In the interest of OSS and for the record of Pat Dolan I think these two letters ought to be on file in your office.

To the Editor of the
Saturday Evening Post:

Dear Sir:

I read with interest your article entitled "Advertising paid off at Cherbourg", particularly that part describing the surrender of the Arsenal. I read it, I may add, with increasing surprise.

I have no desire to minimize the efforts of the Psychological Warfare Branch, and minor inaccuracies, calculated to increase the prestige at the expense of truth do not cause me any great concern. There were, for instance, no corpses on the streets of that part of Cherbourg, no snipers there, there were no elite troops making a last ditch stand, and there was no artillery fire to menace the sound truck. But these details are, I realize, purely accessories and are not intended to be taken literally.

What does seem inexcusable to me is the basic inaccuracy (to use no stronger a word) of the account itself. Concerning these inaccuracies I wish to make the following statements:

1. The sound truck had absolutely nothing to do with the surrender of the Arsenal; and for a very good reason -- it could not be heard inside the fortifications.
2. The first white flag was observed flying over the Arsenal twenty minutes before the speech was made, not during or after it.
3. Captain Dolan and his crew were not present at the surrender of General Sattler, nor did they enter the Arsenal until it had been thoroughly occupied by American soldiers and the negotiations completed.
4. All the narrative based on the assumption that the sound truck was heard and that Captain Dolan was present at the surrender is consequently entirely fictitious.

These assertions I make on the best of authority. First, I was (and still am, an officer on the staff of the division most directly concerned. Second, I was that captain "with the four German prisoners in tow" whose difficult and thankless mission it was to see that Captain Dolan reach his destination and not bother the regimental commander or attempt to interfere with the military operation underway. And finally it was I who interpreted for the Colonel when he negotiated with General Sattler, and it was I (and not the loudspeaker) who informed the General and his staff of their plight. I asked the General if he had heard the loudspeaker, and he replied that he knew of no loudspeaker. Surely that is specific proof, if proof is needed.

Those are the facts. They were not hard to ascertain, but Mr. Carnes made no attempt to do so. I believe that an explanation is due, and I believe that Mr. Carnes merits correction for having written so carelessly and with so little research concerning an episode affecting many people.

Sincerely,

JOHN B. JACKSON, Capt. Cav., AUS

Tom M. Jackson
 Captain Cavalry, ADP,
 APO 9, Div. Hitters,
 Through 10th Street to: York

Dear Sirs:-

I have your letter of complaint at hand, as you know I would have, in time, when you wrote it. I am only surprised that I haven't heard from you sooner.

I could let you know how jovially I am answering you if we were sitting face to face. And it is important. Because a writer is supposed to answer with words simply dripping with ben-sho-vies, those who slander him professionally. Things no grand jury could ever countenance in performing its public duties can be said of any writer at any time and he should be happy that he can take the time to dig eight or nine stories back and find the damn notes to defend himself against an attempt to rob him of his reputation. He all know that. Anybody knows, too, that when you are cited chapter and verse, as you definitely will be by me, it is your God-given right to simply say, "Well, that's all ~~RIGHT~~, then!" At which time all of us are supposed to forget the ~~entire~~ incident. I give you all this preamble so that you will know I understand the rules and am sprinkling each sentence with good will, which we can now refer to as Element A, since it is so primary in all cases of this nature.

Of course I could be hasty about it and answer everything you said with one sentence. That sentence, covered with Element A, would be:-

I know about your quarrel with Captain Dalem and your feelings about the Psychological Warfare Branch, which feelings prompt you to disregard the fact that the British Government has already decorated its personnel in that very same sound track for the very things you say they didn't do.

But that would be too short and sharp, and even though liberally larded in Element A, it wouldn't seem to be taking cognizance of your God-given rights, as outlined above. And it wouldn't be fitting, either, when we both look back upon your restraint as you wrote your letter of complaint. After all, you didn't (Element A) accuse me of having shot Lincoln.

So I feel called upon to make this only installment one of the replies you are to get in this matter. Other replies will come from the people involved. They will come through me and you will please address me through the Editor of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, since it was your idea that he properly should know how I fitted into your quarrel with the facts as expressed by others.

I think I can add to your knowledge at this point. I was one of the more unworthy ones who was hit by those gas you say weren't there. A lot of good guys who suffered at Charbourg would be astounded to read you on that point. But because I wasn't up to snuff I went to much more trouble than any writer or any reporter ever goes to, in getting and checking the facts on any story so obvious. I had three people, involved throughout the story, tell their own stories down

on the typewriter. Neither I nor any of them will ever forget that fact because two of them couldn't type. But the important thing is that all of their facts jibed, in every detail. Then I checked the facts. I was on the scene myself, in the afternoon of that day you did your stuff out in front of the fort. I talked to your colonel, I know what he said to DeLam and I know it checked with what DeLam told me. (Incidentally, I tried to use his name but since he was a full colonel it couldn't be done; our censorship evidently had in mind kidding the Germans that we don't have full colonels.) At this point I was genuinely sorry that I couldn't tell you your part. But you will recall, in all fairness, that I did not get out to tell the whole story of the battle of Chertanburg. If I had been reconstructing that battle your part most certainly would have been in it. And you and I know, in all fairness, that since you were pretty busy at the time you couldn't have known what else was going on. You couldn't have known, for example, what other people were doing at such and such a time. When you, as you have a perfect right to do, take over my game of writing, you will learn how you are letting yourself in for it when you write about one phase of a battle, and not the whole thing. The thousands of Jews who were there and have a certain knowledge of what happened there they were are trying to note what you say fit in with what they know and with what is, therefore, the most important part of the battle, and they are universally astonished that you left out this most important part. How can it be other than you that you plotted to distort the thing? Well, anyway, the story was next read by responsible officers involved, after talks with Colonel Page and L. Lawrence, directly in charge of sending the men out. They changed the story, without change, both before and after publication. The principal characters involved both carry clippings of the story now. They say it is accurate (although one reminds my pointing out his punch). Colonel Mankinham wrote, too, but he complained that when he used the Psychological Warfare equipment to convince the Germans to give up he was doing so as an instrument of direct action, not as a matter of Psychological Warfare. And not knowing that battalion commanders couldn't be mentioned by name he complained of my characterization (by censorship's dictation) of him as being in charge of the regiment directly facing the Germans. It was either that or leave his name out altogether, which would have made him more bitter. But he couldn't know that. So, as I say, responsible people checked the script. But I have told you Colonel Mankinham's Mankinham reaction so you can appreciate how a soldier, and a damned good one, can have such definite ideas in his mind that he will claim he didn't have psychological warfare in mind even as he carried out the sole battle function of psychological warfare.

You know I believe there is more than just fun in the suggestion I made that you might want to be a writer yourself. For if ever I saw a better written letter, which began so innocently and so sympathetically, and then went on to take a guy's reportorial pants off, with apparently convincing and subtle injections of "I was there"—then you can hang me along with the guys you don't like in P.W. Of course you know there had been official recognition of the people involved in exactly the terms I used. You know the British had given medals to their men in the truck, because it was in every British paper two days later. You know I mentioned bodies lying in the streets at the point where the second truck bay entered Chertanburg, yet you made it sound in your letter as though I had bodies elsewhere. And

you know there were still boxes of snipers lying in the streets in the outskirts after the celebration at the town hall, the afternoon of the 47th. (Just about as a few pictures of them driving into town at noon in a jeep had to go around town, in the suburbs. But you know how irresponsible reporters and photographers are. Anybody who has ever been to a movie or a play knows they sit around and (Element A) drink all day. Branch probably is the type who carries props like that in his jeep.)

What will make your worth as a writer is the way you listed some of those things and then cavalierly tossed off a description of them as "window dressing." Writing like that is very convincing.

When you say there was no German artillery fire from that fort you bear your story down. Personally I have the highest admiration for what you did, yourself. (Let me add, I have an even greater admiration for your branch of the service, the cavalry, as you will know if you read last week's POST.) You whittle it down when you say these things the Germans had weren't guns, and that, for all the sound truck guys knew, when they set up in business within a few score yards of the entrenched Germans, the Huns could have fired on them. That is directed to you so you will recall that my idea was that for all they knew, Germans fought with guns, but that when you wrote your letter you put it: "and there was no artillery fire to menace the sound truck." You will recall that I didn't have General Sattler surrender to any of my characters. Yet you felt called upon to write: "...and that Captain Dolan was present at the surrender is consequently entirely fictitious."

With all your very capable writing you failed to make one thing clear: am I to believe that General Sattler understood you when you asked him whether he heard the words over the sound truck? Or could it have been that his men heard it and by surrendering presented him with a fait accompli he couldn't ignore? Why, if you knew that "the sound truck couldn't be heard inside the fortifications," and that "the white flag was observed flying over the arsenal twenty minutes before the speech was made," did you ask General Sattler if he had heard the sound truck? According to you the sound truck wasn't in use then. Did you phrase your question like this: "General in twenty minutes a sound truck is going to be used, asking you to surrender. Did you hear it?"

You knew that the story doesn't say Captain Dolan entered the fort itself. Yet you felt called upon to write: "...nor did they enter The Arsenal until it had been thoroughly occupied by American soldiers and the negotiations completed." Good writing, for your purpose, yes. But, (Element A) a self-serving declaration. Am I to be hung, professionally, on how good your German is and whether you have recalled what you asked and what he answered, about a matter which must have been transmitted by very interesting means, since it hadn't happened yet, by your own testimony?

Captain, by some means none of us has explored thoroughly enough to set down for you here, I have had a rather long career in my chosen field. In all that time there have been some rather vociferous criticisms of me. People have chosen to jump live ones at me for the out of my hair, my obstinacy, my propensity for quarreling. But I have never quarreled with a brother officer under fire. I have never attacked

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another guy without letting him know that was to be said against him. And I have never been attacked before concerning my reporting. People always said, (sometimes without element A) "Klement is a civilian, personally. I don't like him. I can't get along with him. But he is a good reporter." Now your letter was vicious. It was vicious because of phrases like "to see that Captain Dorian ... and whether the regimental commander or attempt to interfere with the military operation underway." Did you ever, in your heart, believe that sentence would be necessary to your letter? Did you ever, in your heart, believe the insinuation set down in it?

I take your letter very seriously. In the first place two such letters, or even one, could ruin a man, as you evidently wished to see me ruined. It isn't comparable for a soldier to have even the most damning slur said about him in his profession, because he, in a civilian army, has his civilian occupation to fall back on. A reporter-writer is no good to anyone if he can't be believed. And the "merely accessories" which you mentioned so casually are, to me the very essence of good reporting. Whenever a man deals in accessories like that he hasn't a decent line of main goods. And isn't you ever forget it. Your letter was disturbing for still another reason. It shook my faith in a lot more solid things than we have brought up in this discussion thus far. It shook my belief in an all-seeing, justice-dispensing Ditty, that is, it almost did. For surely if there is such a being he would have toyed with just one little bolt of retribution for you in part payment for your presumptuous line: "And I believe that Mr. Carnes merits correction for having written so carelessly and with so little research concerning an episode affecting many people."

You will hear from me again, and again, and again. With love of Klement A, I remain,

Gecil Carnes,

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
 630 FIFTH AVENUE
 NEW YORK 20, N. Y.

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17 July 1948.

Dear General:

I was immensely grateful when word came through from Putzell that you had given the necessary instructions to complete the payments on the "Pro Deo" project. This project contains unique opportunities, if fully and wisely exploited, all of which I do not need to say to you, for you recognized the possibilities in two minutes of conversation.

I am resigning as of today and I do not want to leave the organization without a word of thanks to you for giving me the opportunity to participate, during these years in the activities of OSS.

With very kind personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Frederic R. Dolbeare
 Frederic R. Dolbeare

Major General William J. Donovan,
 Office of Strategic Services,
 Washington, D. C.

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Mr. DeVecchi
Executive Office
Pro Dec Project

14 July 1945

This is to inform you that under the heading
"Director's Projects" sufficient funds have been allocated
for the subject project for the year 1945-1946.

E. J. Pittell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Executive Officer

CC: Colonel Rehm
Mr. Merrill, New York Office

*Acknowledged in reply by [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]*

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
630 FIFTH AVENUE
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20 October 1944

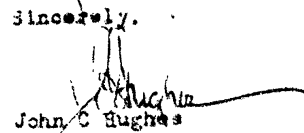
Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington DC

My dear General:

When I saw you last week, I mentioned Dolbeare's health and the fact that he was planning to take a rest beginning early in November.

As of possible interest, I am enclosing copy of a memorandum I have written to Knollenberg on this subject because Dolbeare is extremely interested in the Thai situation and would be more than glad to come to Washington from Virginia for occasional conferences on that subject, if the SI Far Eastern Section should think this of help. I thought perhaps that you yourself might care to know of the arrangement which I have suggested to Knollenberg, as per my memorandum to him.

Sincerely,


John C. Hughes

CONFIDENTIAL

20 October 1944

To Mr. Bernhard Knollenberg

From John C. Hughes

Subject Availability of Mr. Frederic Dolbeare
for consultation on Thai matters

On the urgent recommendation of his physician, Mr. Dolbeare will leave on November 7th to be at Purcellville, Virginia until approximately December 15 at which time he plans to return to the New York office. His address in Virginia will be:

Courtney Inn
Purcellville.

Mr. Dolbeare has sufficient accumulated sick and annual leave to make this possible and I am sure he is wise in planning to take a much needed rest. At the same time, he is extremely interested in the Far Eastern situation, particularly that which pertains to Thailand and he will be more than glad to come in to Washington from time to time for consultation if you and others in the OSS believe this might be helpful. Purcellville, Virginia, where he will be staying, is a very short distance away and he has asked me to tell you that if you will call on him a day or so in advance of any time that you or your Section would like him in for meetings, he will be glad to arrange to do this. I know that he doesn't want to lose touch with plans and developments in that area and feel certain that his health will permit him to keep in touch with you on these subjects between now and December 15th, if you desire. Please, therefore, feel free to call on him during his presence in Virginia.

In the meantime, if any problems come up between now and the time of his departure from New York, you can always reach him here at the New York office.

cc Brigadier General Donovan
Mr. Merrill

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OFFICE OF SECURITY SECTION

U. S. SENT PRISON IN THE
MEXICO CITY

CONFIDENTIAL

July 26, 1944

To: Chief S.I., Washington

From: Donald Bruce DD

Subject: Reply to Memo (MEMPHIS).

1. Today I received the above while requesting information concerning MIKE, KIMBLE, KEC, FRANK and KIM C.
2. These men were civilians working for O.S.I. on special projects in Washington under me, who was in turn reporting to Allen Dulles.
3. When these projects were abandoned to the F.B.I. the personnel was used for a Spanish project to be operated from S.I. - These men were treated as civilians in O.S.I. camps in the U.S.A. in August or September 1942. They were to be passed to S.I. as soon as O.S.I. entered that theatre for work vis-a-vis Spain, which at that time was the danger spot of the whole Mediterranean undertaking.
4. When it was found to be difficult to get them as civilians to S.I. under the then existing conditions, LOP suggested they be put in the Army as cover to get them over and then returned to civilian clothes for the job they were to do.
5. This matter was taken up with Colonel Bruce, then Major Bruce head of S.I. in Washington; the financial arrangement was to take care of these men who had been on agents' salaries. Major Bruce arranged with the finance office that the difference between their military pay and their agents' salaries would be backed for each of them in America.
6. "Individually and as groups" I have no idea of the current output of these men. They are working for I-2 section and that information must come from that section.
7. About the past loyalty, efficiency, and productivity of these men on the work they did in North Africa and some of them in Italy, I cannot praise them too highly. They were promised this arrangement now in force on the C.E. to wit of LOP and Colonel Bruce. I think it should continue.

FORM 100-100

Date: 7/10/54

I talked to Mr. [redacted] about
the attached, and he agreed to
leave it. Cope's status as a
view of the fact that an overall
liaison officer is to be appointed
who will have jurisdiction over
general liaison with [redacted].

[Signature]
D. C. Lee

Office of the Secretariat

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO General Donovan
FROM W. L. Langer
SUBJECT

DATE 24 July 1944

I should like to propose to you the appointment of Lt. Bernard F. Dorr, USNR to be the OSS liaison officer with FEA. Lt. Dorr has been liaison officer with FEA from this branch for some time, but actually has been doing a good deal of liaison work with FEA for other branches of OSS. I think it desirable that his performance of these larger duties should be officially recognized. In this connection I might point out that FEA recently appointed Miss E. W. Frew as liaison officer from that organization to all of OSS.

Mr. C. C. -

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William L. Langer
Chief, Research and
Analysis Branch

SECRET

16 June 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: ADAM M. LOUD, JR.

SUBJECT: Orders

1. You are authorized and directed, in your capacity as Theater Officer for your assigned theater, to inspect and report upon organization and activities of OSS in the Allied theater of operations to which you are directed to proceed by your invitation and orders.

2. You are authorized and directed to proceed to said theater and to travel to such place within the theater as may be necessary to the accomplishment of your mission. You will report upon arrival at each place en route to the appropriate Strategic Services Officer or Chief of Mission, if any. Upon completion of your mission, you are to return to Washington.

3. You are directed to travel by air or by such other means as may be most rapid and direct.

William J. Donovan
Director

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11 April 1944

MEMORANDUM TO NICHOLAS LOMAN
SUBJECT: ORDERS

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to the destination indicated in your military orders, where you will report to the Strategic Services Officer for the Theatre of Operations. You are, thereafter, to follow the instructions of the Strategic Services Officer for such Theatre.

William J. Donovan
Director, OSS

APPROVED:

APPROVED:

Lt. Colonel Kenneth L. Mann
Deputy Chief, MO

J. M. Scribner
Deputy Director, SSO

Edward H. Dodd, Jr.
Middle East Theatre Officer

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24 June 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: J. G. O'Conor, Colonel, O.D.

SUBJECT: Classification of your memorandum dated 21 May 1944 to Colonels Toulmin and Macfarland on the subject of Donald Downes.

1. The subject memorandum has been reviewed and downgraded from "Top Secret" to "Secret" on the grounds that there is no information contained therein which is properly classifiable "Top Secret" under pertinent regulations of COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF and JOINT SECURITY CONTROL.

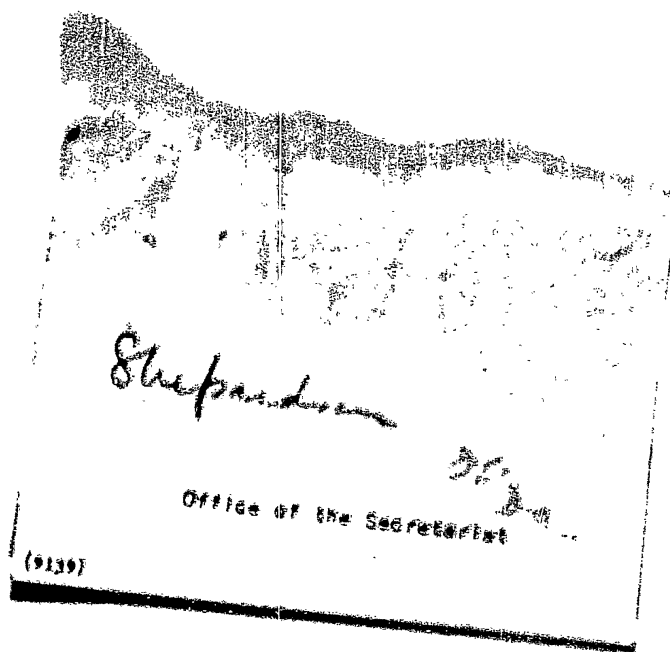
2. It is of course essential that the classification "Top Secret" be strictly confined to material which requires it. This is necessary both for reasons of security and to permit expeditious handling of the material.

3. Will you please see that copies of this paper in your possession are downgraded accordingly.

Duncan C. Lee
Major, AUS
Alternate OSS Top Secret
Control Officer

Cc: Lt. Colonel John Toulmin
Lt. Colonel Lanning Macfarland

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Director of Strategic Services DATE: March 31, 1944
FROM: Major Arthur J. Goldberg and D. C. Downes *agb*
SUBJECT: Downes' Purposed Activities based on Istanbul

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1. It is purposed that Downes shall undertake to gain military, economic, and political intelligence from the surrounding countries with emphasis on the following countries in the following order:
 - Germany
 - Bulgaria
 - Hungary
 - Roumania
 - Greece
 - Yugoslavia
2. He will undertake to coordinate the activities of the other Labor Desk sections with what can be done from Turkey. For this purpose he will attempt contact with labor groups and affiliated organizations in the countries above.
3. He will try to remake contact with the anti-Nazi groups in the Balkans with which he has formerly been in contact. This was presented as a project through the Balkan Desk in August, 1942, and approved by the Director.
4. He will report locally to MacFarland and in Washington to the Chief of the Labor Section, Major Goldberg.

*Agreed with
T. Downes*

Chapel Hill Farm
Lynchville, Virginia
6 April 1944

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
80 Centre Street
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

Subject: P-15607 - HAZARD CHAMBER
Hearing to be held April
11, 1944 at Room 273, 80
Centre Street.

There is enclosed a sworn statement executed
by Mary Grandin Donovan (Mrs. David Donovan) re-
lating to the above matter.

Please address any reply to Mrs. Donovan
at the above address.

Yours very truly,

Robert Thrun

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CITY OF WASHINGTON

MARY ORANDIN DONOVAN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I reside at Berryville, State of Virginia, and am over the age of twenty-one years. This affidavit is submitted in lieu of a personal appearance at a hearing before the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on April 11, 1944 (ref. P. 18607 - Richard Brennan).

On November 1, 1943, I was walking north on the westerly side of Park Avenue, between 54th and 55th Streets, in the City of New York. As I was walking along, I heard a voice behind me exclaim, in sub tone, "He is going to be hit." I looked up and saw a man being struck by a taxicab proceeding south on Park Avenue. The man's head was just grazing the door handle on the right side of the cab. I did not notice the cab immediately prior to the accident and do not know how fast it was traveling. The cab swerved to the left as it struck the man and bumped the concrete curbing in the center of the street, after which it stopped with the sound of skidding tires on the pavement.

The man who had been struck was thrown into the air by the impact and landed in the street between me and the cab. I rushed out to him, and as he was unconscious, felt his pulse. I told the cab driver to put his coat over the man and to get a policeman and an ambulance. It was several minutes until a

police appeared and at least ten to fifteen minutes until an ambulance arrived. The taxi driver asked my name as a witness of the accident. There was no one riding as a passenger in the cab at the time.

I discussed the accident with another woman who had seen it and we both agreed, from what I had seen, that it was probably not the cab driver's fault.

Two days prior to the accident I had had an operation on my right eye and was returning from a treatment at the doctor's office when the accident occurred. I was wearing a patch over my right eye.

Mary Mendenhall

Sworn to before me this
3rd day of April,
1944.

Jean J. Jorgensen
(Notary Public)
My commission expires Feb. 28, 1947

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

4 April 1944

Edward H. R. F.
Rear Admiral
5 April 1944

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
80 Center Street
New York, New York

Dear Sirs: Subject: P-13607 - Richard Brennan
Hearing to be held April
11, 1944 at Room 375, 80
Center Street.

There is enclosed a sworn statement
executed by Mrs. David Donovan relating to the
above matter.

Yours very truly,

*Please address my reply
to Mrs. Donovan at
the above address.*

Mary Grandin Donovan
(Mrs. David Donovan)

I was walking north on Park Avenue on the west side of the street, between 54th and 55th streets. I had just left the doctor's office and was returning to the hotel and had a patch on my right eye.

I heard someone behind me say he was going to be hit - and I looked up to see the old man just being hit - his head was just grazing the door handle on the right side of the cab. The cab was proceeding south on Park and apparently tried to avoid him by it bumped the concrete neutral ground in the middle of the street and it stopped with brakes squealing. Have no idea how fast the cab was going at the time.

The old man was thrown into the air and landed in the street between me and the cab. I rushed out to him and took his pulse and noticed he was unconscious. I told the cab driver to put his coat over the old man and go for a policeman and ambulance. It was several minutes until a policeman appeared, and at least 10 to 15 minutes until the ambulance arrived. The policeman asked me no questions and the taxi driver asked my name as witness. He seemed to have done everything possible to avoid hitting the man for he bumped the curb. There was no one in the cab at the time.

Another woman who also saw the accident asked me if I thought it was the cab driver's fault and we both agreed it probably was not.

I had had an operation on my eye on Saturday and had just been to the doctor's to check on it on Monday, *now I when the accident happened.*

Benayville, Va. -

Mary Grandin Bowman:

21 April 1944

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I understand that Mr. Jerome H. Doran is being considered for a position with OSS.

I have been associated with Mr. Doran both professionally and socially for several years and know him to be a man of unusual ability and unquestioned integrity and moral character.

I am glad to vouch for his loyalty and to recommend approval of his security.

William J. Donovan
Director

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

DATE September 2, 1944

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TO

GUSTAV, CAIRO

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#40681. BIRCH. Downey from Cheston and Shaheen.

You may start on your trip at once. It has been approved by 109.

CSC JMS ELB

TOD: 9/2/44 8:14 PM

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#72091. To Cheston from 109.

Upon your statement of the facts, tell Downey to proceed.

*Amos**Staten drafting
reply to be submitted
to Chester -
E.T.P. 7/2*

TOR: 9/1/44 6:53 p.m.

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#15624. PINCH. To 107 from Cheston and Shafren.

Downey informed us by cable that Toulmin and he agreed he was to proceed Caserta to brief and have SI and SO there start procurement of 2 additional enemy gadgets wanted by Army Air Forces in Washington. To best of our knowledge Giles has no special concern with Downey's travel. Shafren states Downey's trip has nothing to do with Skouras Cairo situation.

Have cabled Downey not to proceed until you approve. Please let us have your views.

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DATE August 31, 1944 **OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**
 TO OUSTAV, SAHRO **OFFICIAL ORIGINATOR**

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#40524. BIRCH. Shaheen and Diglow to Downey.

You are directed by 100 not to go to Caserta before either he or this office instructs you by cable to do so. Flag- in a few days, you will be sent a cable giving further details.

TOD: 9/1/44 10:47 A.M.

JMS JC

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SECRETARIAT, 10101, STANBEN

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#49904. Cheston from Donovan; Information: Calves;
This is a relay of Caserta #45.

I have seen cable from Giles to Nadist which requested TCA for Downey for important assignment. What is reason back of this request? I personally cannot think of any valid reason for it and he is not to go unless I am so advised and until I have a satisfactory reason. Has any word been received from Giles about Skouras? Ascertain from Shabben if the proposal has anything to do with Skouras.

see
#36924
from Gustar

Am. 18

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4 December 1945

Colonel Edward J. F. Glavin
c/o Commanding Officer
2677th Hq. Co., Experimental (Prov.)
AFHQ, Algiers, Algeria

Dear Colonel Glavin:

This letter will be presented to you by Lieutenant William W. Downey, USNR, who has undertaken a special mission of a secret nature which General Donovan has been asked to do by the United States Army Air Forces and the United States Navy.

Lieutenant Downey will disclose to you personally complete details concerning his mission, but it is obviously important that security be maintained.

Will you kindly render every possible assistance to Lieutenant Downey in the fulfillment of his mission, including the use of all the facilities at your disposal which may be necessary.

Very truly yours,

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

JMS/mmp

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3 December 1943

Lt. Col. John Toulmin
c/o American Legation
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Colonel Toulmin:

This letter will be presented to you by Lieutenant William W. Downey, USNR, who has undertaken a special mission of a secret nature which General Donovan has been asked to do by the United States Army Air Forces and the United States Navy.

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Very truly yours,

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

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8 December 1948

Colonel David K. E. Bruce,
c/o Commanding General,
European Theater #1,
APO 887.

Dear Colonel Bruce:

This letter will be presented to you by Lieutenant William W. Downey, USNR, who has undertaken a special mission of a secret nature which General Donovan has been asked to do by the United States Army Air Forces and the United States Navy.

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Will you kindly render every possible assistance to Lieutenant Downey in the fulfillment of his mission, including the use of all the facilities at your disposal which may be necessary.

Very truly yours,

G. Edward Bunker
Acting Director

JAN/mep

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